LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that a letter has been received from Shri Korambayil Ahammed Haji stating that he has been admitted in the hospital due to weak and irregular heart beats and he has been advised complete rest for two months and is, therefore, unable to attend the House. Shri Haji has, therefore, requested for the grant of Leave of Absence from 7th April to 9th May, 2003.

Does he have the permission of the House for remaining absent from all the sittings of the House from 7th April to 9th May, 2003 during the current Session?

(No hon. Member dissented)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Permission to remain absent is granted. Now, Motion for election to the National Welfare Board for Seafarers. Shri Shatrughan Sinha.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE NATIONAL WELFARE BOARD FOR SEAFARERS

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): Sir, I move the following motion:

> "That in pursuance of clause (i) of Rule 4 of the National Welfare Board for Seafarers Rules, 1963 (as amended) framed under sub-section (2) of Section 218 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958), this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one Member from among the Members of the House, to be a member of the National Welfare Board for Seafarers."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, we take up Special Mentions. Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Request for implementation of report of Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata as modified by MPEDA for reviving and assisting Sea Food Industry

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, Andhra Pradesh contributes 48 per cent of the country's Rs.6400 crores sea food exports